

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

It is asserted that these amendments do not add new matter and are supported by the specification and claims as originally filed. Entry of these claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 27-52 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Claims 27-52 are kept unchanged.

Claims 27-52 are pending in the application.

Applicants confirm the election, made in their previous amendment of October 17, 2003 without traverse, of polymer (i) obtained by polymerising monomer (I0 and (II'), wherein (I) is maleic acid and (II') is diisobuylene (2,4,4-trimethyl-1-pentene), as a water soluble or water dispersible compound of the granules. The elected polymer corresponds to the polymer named Geroon T 36 which is more particularly defined on page 18, lines 7-20 and used in the examples of the instant specification.

Applicants further elect, without traverse:

as active substance, Metolachlor (please see page 7, line 19 and the example and comparative example of the instant specification); and

as surfactant, Soprophor CY8: ethoxylated tristyrylphenol 25 EO (please see the example and comparative example of the instant specification).

The elected combination of the polymer, the active substance, and the surfactant, represents the elected single species readable upon claims 27, 29-32, 34, 39 and 42-52.

Applicants also enclose an information disclosure statement with a copy of the cited documents.

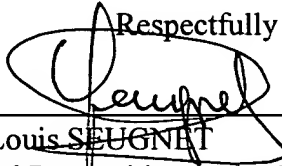
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AMENDMENT RESTRICTION/ELECTION

Should the Examiner have any question concerning these elections and remarks that would further advance prosecution of the claims to allowance, the examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (609) 860-4180. A notice of allowance is respectfully solicited.

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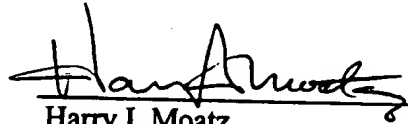
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